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Attorney Docket No.6927.0001-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:)

U.S. Patent No.: 5,630,755)

Inventors: Michael Walsh et al.)

Issued: May 20, 1997)

Serial No.: 09/313,335)

Filed: May 20, 1999)

For: SOFT COUNT TRACKING
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.175

We, Miroslaw Blaszczec, William Wood, Salvatore Soriano, and Michael Walsh hereby declare that:

1. Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below under our names.
2. We believe we are the original and the first joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 and in U.S. Reissue Patent Application Serial No. 09/313,335, filed on May 20, 1999.
3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application as amended, including the claims.

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4. Applicants acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information that is known to be material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

5. Applicants believe U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 to be partly inoperative by reason of the patentees having claimed less than they had a right to claim. U.S. Patent No. 5,630,755 includes one independent claim.

Claim 1 recites a soft count tracking system. U.S. Patent 5,630,755 does not include any method claims. It was an error not to include method claims. Accordingly, claims directed to a method of tracking the operation of a currency note validation system are being sought in this reissue application.

6. All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants.

7. We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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8. We hereby sign this declaration on our own behalf and on behalf of Michael Walsh, who refused to execute this declaration.

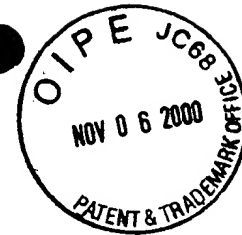
9. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICANTS'
SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.175

This Supplemental Reissue Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.175 is being filed with the Patent Office to correct inadvertent deficiencies with the previous Reissue Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.175 filed on September 30, 1999. These inadvertent deficiencies were outlined in an August 7, 2000 action by the PTO. A response to this action was due on October 7, 2000, however applicants' petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is enclosed with these documents.

In the PTO's August 7 action, the Senior Legal Advisor, Special Program Law Office, dismissed Applicants' petition under Rule 1.47(a), filed September 30, 1999, seeking permission to file an application when an inventor refuses to sign or cannot be reached.

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The reason for the dismissal, according to the Patent Office Official, was that the declaration named three inventors and all three signed. Consequently in order to enter the Rule 47(a) petition, the Patent Office required a declaration naming all four inventors including the non-signing inventor, at which point the Rule 47(a) petition would be proper.

Applicants were required to submit (1) a petition under Rule 1.48(a) to correct inventorship to add the non-signing inventor and (2) a corrected declaration naming all four inventors. After a phone conference with the PTO Official, the Official determined that, because Rule 1.48(a) is not applicable to reissue applications, Applicants need only submit a supplemental declaration naming all four inventors and a statement of how the inadvertent error occurred.

The original declaration included the names of inventors Blascezc, Wood, and Soriano, and mistakenly excluded inventor Walsh, who refused to execute the declaration. Although not naming Mr. Walsh, albeit mistakenly, the previous declaration did, however, in attached papers accompanying the declaration, outline the fact that there are, indeed, four inventors. In addition, those papers outlined the facts surrounding Mr. Walsh's refusal to sign. In accordance with the PTO's suggestion, Applicants submit this supplemental declaration naming all four inventors to correct the inadvertent errors in the previous declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sir:

OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, Applicants hereby offer to surrender the original patent. The original patent, or an affidavit or declaration as to loss or inaccessability of the original patent, will be submitted before the reissue application is allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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